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Interviews: 1,005 adults, including
100 reached by cell phone
Date: September 17-20, 2009

49 Male
51 Female
[109]

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(ASKED ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

1. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline.....	-	TERMINATE	[139]
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	CONTINUE	
Not sure.....	-	TERMINATE	

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	7	[146-147]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	7	
40-44.....	7	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	11	
65-69.....	8	
70-74.....	6	
75 and over.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[148]
No, not Hispanic.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[149]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	4	
Hispanic (VOL).....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction.....	39	39	42	43	41	26	72	12	
Off on the wrong track.....	48	49	46	43	44	59	11	78	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	9	9	10	9	9	11	7	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	4	6	6	6	3	

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>
	26	12	12	16	18	13	16	15
	60	78	77	73	67	74	71	73
	10	7	9	9	12	10	11	10
	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	2

	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>
	20	20	25	28	31	31	32	40
	66	68	63	57	54	57	57	47
	11	9	9	13	12	10	8	10
	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3

	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>9/99</u>
	39	47	38	36	42	62	72	43
	49	43	50	47	43	20	11	41
	10	6	8	14	12	14	11	13
	2	4	4	3	3	4	6	3

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- 4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[151]
Approve.....	51	51	53	56	61	60	
Disapprove.....	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure.....	8	9	7	10	9	14	

- 4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>9/09*</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[152]
Approve.....	50	49	51	55	56	
Disapprove.....	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure.....	8	7	11	8	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve.....	50	57	54	56	[153]
Disapprove.....	36	33	36	31	
Not sure.....	14	10	10	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	22	24	29	28	31	23	21	61	12	[154]
Disapprove.....	66	63	57	58	54	68	69	28	79	
Not sure.....	12	13	14	14	15	9	10	11	9	
		<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
		12	13	15	15	13	18	23	31	
		79	78	73	75	79	70	65	53	
		9	9	12	10	8	12	12	16	
		<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
		20	29	29	41	40	46	39	42	
		65	56	53	40	42	41	45	39	
		15	15	18	19	18	13	16	19	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>		
		40	54	47	48	46	48	40		
		44	29	34	35	41	36	49		
		16	17	19	17	13	16	11		

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6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[155]
September 2009.....	38	18	11	14	19	-	
July 2009.....	37	18	10	14	20	1	
June 2009.....	41	19	11	12	17	-	
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1	
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
January 2009.....	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+.....	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+.....	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008.....	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007.....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
<i>High</i>							
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[156]
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2	
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2	
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2	
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2	
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2	
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+.....	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+.....	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+.....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008.....	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007.....	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007.....	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[157]
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009.....	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+.....	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+.....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008.....	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007.....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2009.....	6	19	29	23	21	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Nancy Pelosi							[158]
September 2009.....	8	19	16	11	33	13	
July 2009.....	7	18	16	11	33	15	
June 2009.....	5	19	17	12	34	13	
February 2009.....	12	19	15	9	28	17	
January 2009.....	9	17	19	10	26	19	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	7	16	21	14	27	15	
January 2008.....	5	17	21	11	22	24	
April 2007	11	18	20	12	18	21	
January 2007.....	10	18	23	9	15	25	
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+.....	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
Glenn Beck							[159]
September 2009.....	13	11	15	5	14	42	

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7. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08++</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	40	39	39	36	36	37	36	36	[160]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	43	46	48	48	49	50	47	49	
Not sure.....	17	15	13	16	15	13	17	15	
		<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	
		33	34	35	37	35	37	39	
		52	49	49	46	47	52	48	
		15	17	16	17	18	11	13	
		<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	
		38	38	39	37	38	38	37	
		48	49	45	50	47	46	48	
		14	13	16	13	15	16	15	
		<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>
		39	40	40	43	42	42	41	42
		48	45	47	44	46	44	44	45
		13	15	13	13	12	14	15	13
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>
		42	42	43	42	43	42	44	42
		43	42	42	42	41	41	40	40
		15	16	15	16	16	17	16	18
		<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>
		40	39	39	42	41	37	41	40
		44	41	43	41	40	43	43	39
		16	20	18	17	19	20	16	21
		<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
		41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
		40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
		19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18

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++ Results shown reflect responses among *likely* voters.

8. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/07+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	40	40	39	41	39	38	41	38	[161]
Give new person a chance.....	49	47	51	48	45	45	43	48	
Not sure.....	11	13	10	11	16	17	16	14	
		<u>6/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
		42	41	41	41	37	42	49	
		45	48	46	44	51	45	34	
		13	11	13	15	12	13	17	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
		42	41	50	49	49	42	48	
		39	42	35	38	39	47	37	
		19	17	15	13	12	11	15	
		<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	
		41	39	30	34	35	34	37	
		45	49	53	50	47	52	47	
		14	12	17	16	18	14	16	
		<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	
		30	31	31	27	33	37	42	
		55	56	56	62	57	52	48	
		15	13	13	11	10	11	10	

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- 9a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.9a.)

- 9b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (Q.9a)

	Q.9a. Top Priority				Q.9a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities			
	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>		<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Job creation and economic growth.....	30	38	31		55	62	54	
Health care.....	21	14	16		40	32	34	
The deficit and government spending.....	18	17	19		34	32	34	
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	11	10	9	CONTINUE	27	25	26	[162-165]
National security and terrorism.....	11	11	14		23	23	27	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	4	5	5		12	16	16	
Social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage.....	3	2	2		6	7	7	
Other (VOL).....	-	1	-		-	1	-	
All equally (VOL).....	2	2	3		-	1	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	-	Skip to Q.10	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	-	-	1		1	-	-	

10. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	
A/Government should do more.....	45	47	51	47	48	53	[166]
B/Government is doing too many things....	49	46	40	45	42	42	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	6	7	7	8	NA	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	2	5	
	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>		
	55	52	45	41	32		
	38	40	43	51	62		
	6	6	9	5	NA		
	1	2	3	3	6		

¹ In December 1995, this question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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11. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies.....	46	48	51	55	[167]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies.....	31	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies.....	2	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies.....	18	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL).....	2	3	2	3	
Not sure.....	1	3	2	5	

- 12a. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident.....	24	25	25	31	29	30	[168]
Quite confident.....	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident.....	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident.....	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	1	1	

- 12b. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to improve the economy—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely confident.....	18	16	20	[169]
Quite confident.....	22	23	26	
Only somewhat confident.....	27	28	24	
Not at all confident.....	32	32	29	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	

13. When it comes to doing his job as president, do you feel that you see and hear President Obama too much, about the right amount, or too little? *

Too much.....	34	[170]
About the right amount.....	54	
Too little.....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

14. When it comes to the partisanship going on in Washington, do you feel this is mainly due to an unwillingness of the Republicans to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Democrats, or that this is due to an unwillingness of the Democrats to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Republicans, or do you feel that it is equally the fault of both parties?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	
Due to unwillingness of Republicans.....	22	20	29	[171]
Due to unwillingness of Democrats.....	15	18	14	
Equally the fault of both parties.....	61	59	56	
Not sure.....	2	3	1	

- 15a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Approve.....	45	41	41	[172]
Disapprove.....	46	47	46	
Not sure.....	9	12	13	

- 15b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way that Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Approve.....	21	21	[173]
Disapprove.....	65	62	
Not sure.....	14	17	

16. How well do you think you understand the health care legislation that is currently being debated in Congress—do you understand it very well, pretty well, only some, or not very well?

Understand very well.....	15	[174]
Understand pretty well.....	42	
Understand only some.....	32	
Do not understand very well.....	11	
Not sure.....	-	

17. Regardless of whether you favor or oppose the health care legislation that is currently being discussed, do you personally care about this issue a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

Care a great deal.....	66	[175]
Care a fair amount.....	22	
Care just some.....	8	
Care very little.....	4	
Not sure.....	-	

Now turning to the economy. . .

18. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 2/09</u>	[176]
Very satisfied.....	2	2	1	2	1	2	31	1	
Somewhat satisfied.....	21	11	11	16	6	8	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	35	31	33	30	22	25	10	22	
Very dissatisfied.....	41	56	54	52	70	65	3	70	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	
		<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
		2	5	10	6	3	4	2	
		12	27	33	45	33	27	32	
		28	28	32	30	38	37	41	
		58	40	25	18	25	31	24	
		-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		4	6	4	5	18	29	23	
		42	44	43	47	57	52	53	
		39	33	39	32	18	12	17	
		14	15	13	15	6	6	7	
		1	2	1	1	1	1	-	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>
		26	27	31	18	13	10	13	9
		54	55	55	52	52	51	45	51
		13	12	10	20	23	27	27	27
		6	5	3	8	10	10	13	11
		1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
		<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>
		7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4
		49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41
		30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38
		12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15
		2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	[177]
Economy will get better.....	47	44	46	38	36	38	25	21	
Economy will get worse.....	20	21	22	30	28	20	43	49	
Economy will stay about the same.....	30	32	29	30	34	37	28	27	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	2	2	5	4	3	
	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	
	19	16	21	22	16	17	24	24	
	45	31	16	22	39	44	27	30	
	29	49	60	51	43	36	46	42	
	7	4	3	5	2	3	3	4	
	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
	26	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	
	34	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	
	37	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	
	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	3	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	
	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	
	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39	
	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	
	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	
	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	
	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27	
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21	
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49	
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3	
	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39	
	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15	
	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43	
	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	<u>9/09</u> ¹	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	36	30	32	35	46	45	40	41	[178]
Somewhat satisfied.....	30	30	36	35	35	33	38	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	16	15	13	14	9	10	11	10	
Very dissatisfied.....	17	24	17	15	9	11	10	11	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
		38	37	36	37	38	36	30	
		36	40	38	39	37	37	31	
		12	12	13	10	12	14	10	
		13	11	12	13	12	12	10	
		1	-	1	1	1	1	19	

¹ Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (25% of respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. Do you think that the economic stimulus legislation passed earlier this year is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>9/09</u> ¹	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u> ²	
Good idea.....	34	34	37	38	44	43	[179]
Bad idea.....	45	43	39	39	36	27	
Do not have an opinion.....	18	20	20	18	15	24	
Not sure.....	3	3	4	5	5	6	

¹ Prior to September 2009, the question was phrased, "... the recently passed economic stimulus legislation ..."

² In January 2009, the question was phrased, "... recently proposed economic stimulus legislation ..."

- 22a. Do you think that the economic stimulus legislation is beginning to help improve the economy, will help improve the economy in the future, or will it not help improve the economy? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>9/09</u> [*]	<u>7/09</u>	
Beginning to help improve the economy.....	20	16	[180]
Will help improve the economy in the future.....	27	32	
Will not help improve the economy.....	38	38	
Do not have an opinion either way.....	12	13	
Not sure.....	3	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 22b. Do you think that without the economic stimulus legislation that the U.S. economy would have gone into a greater economic downturn than it did, or not? **

Yes, would have gone into a greater economic downturn.....	46	[208]
No, would not have gone into a greater economic downturn.....	43	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. I'm going to read you several economic indicators. Which ONE of these would be the most important signal to you that the economy is getting back on track? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

There is more hiring and unemployment goes down.....	58	[209]
Home sales and home values increase.....	11	
Consumer spending increases.....	10	
The stock market goes up.....	9	
Banks are more solid and making loans again.....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

24. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The President and the Congress should worry more about boosting the economy even though it may mean larger budget deficits now and in the future.

Statement B: The President and the Congress should worry more about keeping the budget deficit down, even though it may mean it will take longer for the economy to recover.

	9/09	6/09	
Statement A /Worry more about boosting the economy.....	30	35	[210]
Statement B /Worry more about keeping budget deficit down.....	62	58	
Depends (VOL).....	4	2	
Not sure.....	4	5	

25. Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	9/09	7/09	2/09	
Pretty much hit the bottom.....	35	27	17	[211]
Still ways to go.....	52	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL).....	9	10	3	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	

Turning to the issue of health care . . .

26. From what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you think his plan is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	
Good idea.....	39	36	36	33	33	[212]
Bad idea.....	41	42	42	32	26	
No opinion.....	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure.....	3	5	5	5	7	

27. And from what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you believe it will result in the quality of your health care getting better, worse, or staying about the same as now? If you do not have an opinion, please just say so.

	9/09	8/09	7/09	4/09	
Quality will get better.....	19	24	21	22	[213]
Quality will get worse.....	36	40	39	24	
Quality will stay the same.....	34	27	29	29	
Do not have an opinion.....	8	7	9	20	
Not sure.....	3	2	2	5	

28. Do you think it would be better to pass Barack Obama's health care plan and make its changes to the health care system or to not pass this plan and keep the current health care system?

Better to pass this plan, make these changes.....	45	[214]
Better to not pass this plan, keep current system.....	39	
Neither (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	7	

29. Thinking about efforts to reform the health care system, which would concern you more?

Not doing enough to make the health care system better than it is now by lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

OR

Going too far and making the health care system worse than it is now in terms of quality of care and choice of doctor.

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Not doing enough.....	44	41	[215]
Going too far.....	48	54	
Not sure.....	8	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

And thinking about one aspect of the debate on health care legislation . . .

30. In any health care proposal, how important do you feel it is to give people a choice of both a public plan administered by the federal government and a private plan for their health insurance--extremely important, quite important, not that important, or not at all important?

	<u>9/09*</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely important.....	48	41	[216]
Quite important.....	25	35	
Not that important.....	8	12	
Not at all important.....	15	8	
Not sure.....	4	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

31. Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Favor.....	46	43	46	[217]
Oppose.....	48	47	44	
Not sure.....	6	10	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

32. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? **(IF RESPONDENT OFFERS MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?**

YES, private health insurance.....	61	[218]
YES, MediCARE.....	18	
YES, MediCAID.....	4	
YES, Tricare.....	2	
NO, do not have a health plan.....	11	
Veterans insurance, VA.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Don't know/refused.....	1	

33. Congress is considering many different items as part of health care reform legislation. I am going to read you some of the items they are considering that may or may not end up in the final legislation. For each one, please tell me whether you feel this absolutely must be included as part of health care legislation, you would prefer it be included, you would prefer it NOT be included, or you feel it absolutely must NOT be included. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY BE INCLUDED

	Be Included		NOT Be Included		Not Sure	
	Absolutely Must	Would Prefer It	Would Prefer It	Absolutely Must		
Requiring that health insurance companies cover people with pre-existing medical conditions.....	63	26	5	4	2	[227]
Creating a law that limits the amount of money someone can collect if they win a lawsuit after being injured by bad medical care.....	36	29	14	14	7	[226]
Requiring that all but the smallest employers provide health coverage for their employees, or pay a percentage of their payroll to help fund coverage for the uninsured.....	26	37	15	18	4	[228]
Creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies.....	26	27	16	24	7	[229]
Creating a law that requires everyone to have health insurance coverage. Those people with low and moderate incomes would receive government assistance. Those people who can afford it would have to buy their own health insurance or pay a penalty or fine if they do not.....	18	20	23	34	5	[230]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(Q.34a and Q.34b ARE FORM B AND ROTATED.)

- 34a. Which one or two of the following do you think would be the greatest benefit of President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? ****

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

It could provide health care coverage for almost all Americans.....	32	[231]
It could help lower and control health care costs.....	20	>
It could create needed competition for health insurance companies.....	13	
It allows you to keep the health care plan you have now.....	9	
It could help pay for the gap in prescription drug coverage for seniors.....	9	
Or do you not think there are any significant benefits to making President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 34b. Which one or two of the following would be your greatest concern about President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

It could expand the role of government in providing health care.....	22	[232]
It could increase the federal deficit.....	21	>
It could cut funding to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors.....	21	
It could limit access to your choice of doctors.....	19	
You could end up having to switch from your private health care coverage.....	14	
Or do you not have any significant concerns about making President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system.....	22	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. If health care reform legislation does not get passed this year, who do you feel would be most to blame—President Obama, the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

President Obama.....	10	[233]
Democrats in Congress.....	16	
Republicans in Congress.....	37	
All to blame (VOL).....	23	
None to blame/should not be any reform legislation (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	7	

Changing subjects . . .

36. Do you think the war in Afghanistan against the Taliban and Al Qaeda has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or very unsuccessful?

	9/09*	7/08+	10/06	
Very successful.....	8	7	9	[234]
Somewhat successful.....	38	37	42	
Somewhat unsuccessful.....	26	27	23	
Very unsuccessful.....	23	26	24	
Not sure.....	5	3	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

37. Do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Afghanistan will come to a successful conclusion? **

More confident.....	28	[235]
Less confident.....	59	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

38. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose increasing troop levels in Afghanistan? *

Strongly support.....	19	[236]
Somewhat support.....	25	
Somewhat oppose.....	20	
Strongly oppose.....	31	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

39. Do you think that we should have an immediate and orderly withdrawal of all troops from Afghanistan, or not? **

Yes, should.....	38	[237]
No, should not	55	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

40. Please tell me which of the following concerns you more.

That we will invest a lot of money and American lives in the war in Afghanistan and have little to show for it.

OR

That we will not do enough to deal with the threat of Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and we will be more vulnerable as a result? *

That we'll invest a lot of money/lives and have little to show for it	45	[238]
That we'll not do enough and be more vulnerable as a result.....	44	
Not sure.....	11	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

41. I'm going to read you two statements, please tell me which comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: It is important for the U.S. to help build a strong, stable government in Afghanistan so that it doesn't again become a country where Islamic extremists can meet to plan attacks on the West.

Statement B: There is too much political corruption and Taliban influence in Afghanistan for there to be a strong, stable government there so the U.S. should not devote time and troops to trying to do so. **

Statement A/a stable government is important.....	47	[239]
Statement B/a stable government is not possible.....	43	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

42. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

All Adults						
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	13	7	4	8	2	4
Fairly good.....	59	70	54	55	32	45
Fairly bad.....	14	16	28	20	41	31
Very bad.....	8	5	10	10	20	15
Mixed (VOL).....	4	NA	NA	5	4	4
Not sure.....	2	2	4	2	1	1
[240]						
Whites						
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	12	6	3	9	1	4
Fairly good.....	63	73	56	58	33	45
Fairly bad.....	13	16	28	19	42	32
Very bad.....	6	4	8	7	18	13
Mixed (VOL).....	4	NA	NA	5	5	5
Not sure.....	2	1	5	2	1	1
African Americans						
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	6	7	3	3	3	5
Fairly good.....	44	57	37	45	28	39
Fairly bad.....	22	18	34	28	35	26
Very bad.....	16	12	24	19	30	26
Mixed (VOL).....	7	NA	NA	3	3	3
Not sure.....	5	6	2	2	1	1
Hispanics						
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05		
Very good.....	15	13	11	8		
Fairly good.....	57	63	44	49		
Fairly bad.....	13	17	32	17		
Very bad.....	12	6	10	19		
Mixed (VOL).....	2	NA	NA	7		
Not sure.....	1	1	3	-		

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	89	[241]
Not registered.....	9	
Not sure.....	2	

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for Barack Obama.....	41	[242/243]
Voted for John McCain.....	33	
Voted for someone else.....	5	
Not sure.....	6	
No, did not vote.....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

F2. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	18	[244]
White-collar worker.....	20	
Blue-collar worker.....	16	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	8	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[252-253]
Some high school.....	3	
High school graduate.....	27	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	22	[254]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly Independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	9	[255]
Somewhat liberal.....	15	
Moderate.....	34	
Somewhat conservative.....	21	
Very conservative.....	15	
Not sure.....	6	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[256]
Catholic.....	23		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim.....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other.....	6		
None.....	12	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17	[257]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	47	
Not sure	9	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a).....	27	

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	16	[258]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	40	
Not sure.....	5	

F8a/b. Are you a current or retired labor union member? **(IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?**

Labor union member.....	15	[259/260]
Union household.....	7	
Non-union household.....	75	
Not sure.....	3	

F9. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[261]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	8	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	13	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	15	